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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUES ATTEMPTS TO ELECT
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1. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPEARS TO BE MAKING SOME
PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE DEADLOCK OVER THE ELECTION
OF A SPEAKER (REFTEL). ON NOVEMBER 25, FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN THE 19 ROUNDS OF BALLOTING SINCE PARLIAMENT
OPENED NOVEMBER 1 ALMOST ALL DEPUTIES WERE PRESENT
AND VOTING. THE NATIONALIST FRONT APPEARS TO HAVE
REACHED ALMOST TOTAL AGREEMENT ON SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT
KEMAL ZIYA OZTURK, WHO REGISTERED 216 VOTES (TEN VOTES
SHY OF ELECTION) ON ONE OF THE FOUR BALLOTS NOVEMBER 25.
THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CANDIDATE, KEMAL
GUVEN, RECEIVED A HIGH OF 206 VOTES. JUSTICE PARTY (JP)
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN YILDIRIM HAS TOLD US THAT IF
NATIONALIST FRONT CANDIDATE IS NOT SUCCESSFUL AFTER A
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FEW MORE ROUNDS OF BALLOTING, HIS PARTY WILL BACK

GUVEN, IN EXPECTATION OF RPP SUPPORT FOR A JP MEMBER
AS SENATE PRESIDENT.

2. MEANWHILE, THE LEADERS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES
EXCHANGED PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION
NOVEMBER 25:

A. RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT
COALITION PARTIES HAD MADE "TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY,
ECONOMIC LIFE AND PARLIAMENT INOPERABLE." HE ALSO
REMARKED ON STUDENT VIOLENCE AND SAID, "WE BELIEVE
THAT OUR PEOPLE WILL DEFINITELY BRING THE RPP TO POWER
ALONE IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS."

B. PRIMIN (AND JP CHAIRMAN) DEMIREL, IN A STATEMENT
TO THE JP SENATE GROUP, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "WE HAD SOME
DIFFICULTIES IN THE GOVERNMENT" BUT WENT ON TO SAY "WE
SOLVED THEM." HE CHARGED THE RPP WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR
"ALL ANARCHIST ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE THE WORK OF CONVICTS
FREED BY THE 1974 AMNESTY." DEMIREL ALSO CLAIMED THAT
THE INFLATION RATE HAD BEEN REDUCED FROM 30 PERCENT IN
1974 TO 5.5 PERCENT IN 1975.
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